

as it is well known that sales of tickets in all the current Lotteries are still effected there, and it has hitherto been found impossible to prevent such sales being made in those States.

Unless, therefore, a total prohibition to the granting of lotteries can be effected throughout the whole Union, the attempt to suppress, in any one or more States, will have the tendency therein to increase, rather than to diminish, the evils of which they are supposed to be productive.

It will then be left for experience to prove whether the morals of society can be regulated by legislative enactments, or whether much greater evil will not ensue from attempts to suppress them.

In conclusion, the Commissioners of Lotteries, with all due respect for those citizens who have signed these memorials, under the belief that they represented nothing but what the originators of them could substantiate, feel it their duty to declare them, in their general terms, as also the pamphlets referred to, to be erroneous—that they deal in assertions, and without any evidence of their truth.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

your obedient servants,

WM. R. STUART.

E. HUGHES,

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*Letter from Geo. Mackubin, Treasurer of the Western Shore, to the Hon. Thomas Burchenal.*

WESTERN SHORE TREASURY.

Annapolis, 27th January, 1835.

The Hon. Thomas Burchenal. Chairman of the Committee on Lotteries.

Sir:—In compliance with your request of the 19th inst, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore furnish all the information he can, of the matters which the committee are required to report to the House of Delegates by an order of the 17th, of which a copy accompanied the request, I have the honor to state that,

The enquiry of “what Lottery or Lotteries, if any are under the existing laws, authorised to be drawn by any individual or individuals, or by any corporation or corporations, for his or their benefit,” is appropriate to the duties of the Commissioners of Lotteries, and cannot be officially answered by the Treasurer.

To the enquiry of “what amount of money, if any, to be derived from State Lotteries, is pledged by law to individuals or corporations, or to public works on objects, &c.” the following statement is respectfully submitted:—